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02-12

CLAIMS AS FILED - PART I

(Column 1) (Column 2)

TOTAL CLAIMS	22	
FOR	NUMBER FILED	NUMBER EXTRA
TOTAL CHARGEABLE CLAIMS	22 minus 20 =	2
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS	2 minus 3 =	0
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM PRESENT		<input type="checkbox"/>

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(Column 1) (Column 2) (Column 3)

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Independent	2	Minus	2	0
FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM			<input type="checkbox"/>	

SMALL ENTITY		OTHER THAN SMALL ENTITY	
RATE	Fee	RATE	Fee
BASIC FEE	385.00	OR	BASIC FEE 770.00
XS 9=		OR	XS18= 36
X43=		OR	X86=
+145=		OR	+290=
TOTAL		OR	TOTAL 906

SMALL ENTITY		OTHER THAN SMALL ENTITY	
RATE	ADDI- TIONAL FEE	RATE	ADDI- TIONAL FEE
XS 9=		OR	XS18=
X43=		OR	X86=
+145=		OR	+290=
TOTAL ADDT. FEE		OR	TOTAL ADDT. FEE

AMENDMENT A		AMENDMENT B	
CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA
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X43=		OR	X86=
+145=		OR	+290=
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